



The Hill Informed  
Week of 12/10

## Principal's Memo:

Thank you to everyone who came out last week to support our Band and Orchestra students. This week, it is our Dance students' time to shine (on Thursday)! I also want to thank the parents who attended Coffee with Kavanaugh and participated in our True North experience. This has been such a remarkable year for our students, teachers and parents. I am honored to lead this community and appreciate your trust that we will care for your child. We are certainly not perfect, but we care deeply about this community.

At Hill, we strive to create a *joyful* and *academically robust* learning environment for all students that is *rooted in relationships*.

Monday, December 10

- Boys Basketball Study Hall; 3:00-4:30 in Library
- Girls Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30
- PAC Meeting 5:30-7:00pm in Room 02
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15

Tuesday, December 11

- Boys & Girls Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30
- Rainbow Alliance Club; 2:50-4:00
- **NO Art Club this week**
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15

Wednesday, December 12

- Mrs. Stafford's class field trip; 10:00-11:00 @ TBD
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Boys & Girls Basketball @ McAuliffe International; 4:00
- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15

Thursday, December 13

- School Musical Rehearsals; 3:00-4:15
- Girls Basketball Study Hall; 3:00-4:30 in Library
- Boys Basketball Practice; 3:00-4:30
- Hill Spirit Team Practice; 3:00-4:30 in Cafeteria
- Band Mentoring Program; 3:00-4:00 in Room 130
- Comic Book Club; 3:00-4:00 in Room 222
- STEM Field Trip; 8:45-12:30 @ Denver Crime Lab
- Choir Community Outreach; 10:00-12:30 @ Sunrise Senior Living & Memory Care
- Dance Showcase; 7:00-8:30 in Hill Auditorium

Friday, December 14

- Winter Dance; 6:00-8:00pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/12-12/19; Bookies Book Fair
- 1/24 PTSA Meeting

and at the district level.

- District initiatives that support equity and culturally responsive education that benefit our students.
- The English Language Acquisition District Advisory Committee (ELA DAC) session will discuss ELA topics, programs and services. Families can [register here](#) and visit the [FACE website](#) for more information. Food, childcare and interpretation services will be provided at no cost.

## QUARTER 3 SIGNATURE CLASSES

Students will select their Quarter 3 Signature Class this Tuesday at 8:00am through Advisory. Students that are late or absent will be asked to sign up for classes that still have availability when they arrive or return.

## SCIENCE FAIR

Just over a week to go! All 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have a deadline of Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> to complete their Science Fair project. Students can choose to enter their project into a judged Science Fair, which will then be considered for the DPS science fair in February, or a Science Celebration in which their project will be displayed for students/parents to appreciate. So far, we have over 50 students who have opted in to the judged portion! The school Science Fair/Celebration will take place on December 20 from 3:00-6:00 in the Hill Library & Science classrooms. If your child is not participating in the competition and you would like to volunteer as a judge, please contact [llyanna\\_kreske@dpsk12.org](mailto:llyanna_kreske@dpsk12.org)

## PARENT RESOURCES

**Resources on Vaping:** Attached are two resources on Knowing the Facts about Vaping and here is a helpful website to review with your child: <https://www.tobaccofreeco.org/know-the-facts/>. With a recent increase in the prevalence of vaping in teens in Colorado, our Substance Use Prevention Partner, Alice Franco is in the process of creating an advisory lesson to address the facts about vaping with our students. If this is an advisory lesson you want to opt your child out of, please email [alice\\_franco@dpsk12.org](mailto:alice_franco@dpsk12.org).

**Resources on Cyberbullying:** One of our amazing parents provided us with more information and reminders to think about when approaching Cyberbullying conversations with our children. We have many skilled professionals at Hill and can provide your child with support and aid in putting a stop to the bullying behavior. If your child is experiencing bullying or is exhibiting bullying behavior, reach out to us and/or encourage your child to confide in a trusted adult at school immediately. See below for additional helpful online resources:

<https://www.adl.org/blog/labeling-behavior-not-people>  
<https://cyberbullying.org/facts>

## FAMILY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Join the [Family Leadership Institute](#) from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Dec. 13 at the PPA Event Center, 2105 Decatur St. During this session, we will discuss:

- How to enhance parent leadership and advocacy skills at home, at school

## NO PLACE FOR HATE

No Place for Hate is a self-directed program helping all of the stakeholders take the lead on improving and maintaining a positive school climate so all students can thrive. Students from Mr. Petersen's and Mr. Wehrwein's No Place for Hate Signature Class will be trained this week!

## FRONT RANGERS JUNIOR CYCLING CLUB

Prospective bike racers come see what Front Rangers Youth Cycling is all about! Parents and aspiring bike racers ages 11-18 are invited to an Open House on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30. The Open House will be at the Inspired Training Center at 190 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO. More info can be found at their website: <https://www.frontrangersdenver.org/junior-programs.html>

## DENVER SANTA CLAUS SHOP

Families are invited to come out to 2150 S. Monaco Parkway from December 14-18, from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Every child will receive a present for the holidays.

December 14 - Last names beginning with T-Z

December 17 – Last names beginning with H-M

December 15 – Last names beginning with A-G

December 18 – Last names beginning with N-S

We have posted holiday resources for our families on the school website. You can also contact Nurse Merri Hoffman at 720-423-9691.

## SEMESTER 2 ELECTIVES

Please have your child check their Quarter 3 schedule this week. Due to course title issues in Infinite Campus, use the following to help your child identify the class they are signed up to take. If you child would like to request a schedule change, have them email [Sean\\_Kavanaugh@dpsk12.org](mailto:Sean_Kavanaugh@dpsk12.org) and include the period and desired course.

**CTE MS Digital Design 1 = Photography**  
**Urban Ethics = Speech & Debate**

**6th Gr Exploratory World Lang = Spanish**  
**Intro Digital Media Arts = Graphic Design**

## ELA PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

ELA-PAC is the organization in charge of communication between parents and the school regarding English Language Acquisition programming. We invite you to attend our ELA PAC meeting on Monday, December 10 from 5:30-7:00 in Room 02. Translation in Spanish and Arabic will be available along with child care services. Learn about Hill's ELA programming, upcoming ACCESS Assessment information, and student awards. We will also be providing dinner.

## LOST/UNCLAIMED CELL PHONES

We have two boxes of unclaimed cell phones. Please check with your child to make sure they have their phone. If your child's phone is missing, please have them see their grade-level Director of Culture.

## SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

South HS will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rebel Athletics Night on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. This event is for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are interested in learning more about our athletic program at Denver South. After a presentation in our auditorium, all attendees will have an opportunity to meet the coaches and current student-athletes. And to top it off, everyone will receive FREE tickets to our Boys Basketball game at 7pm!

## HILL STUDENT ARTIST SHINES!

Congratulations to Lucy Heitman! The designers at the Denver Center have chosen Lucy's drawing for this year's Shakespeare Festival design!

## MESSAGE FROM PTSA

**Bookies Book Fair** (December 12-19). Kickoff party: December 12, Bookies will stay open until 7:00 and we will have appetizers and drinks. We have also provided lists of books that the teachers would like for their classroom libraries to Bookies so you can buy books to donate. Mention Hill PTSA at checkout, and they will donate 15% of your purchase to us! Thanks! Bookies: 4315 E Mississippi.

**Teacher Holiday Gifts:** This year, the PTSA is gathering Holiday Gift Donations for teachers that we will pool and distribute to Hill Teachers & Staff. Participation is purely voluntary. To give, you may leave a check for the Hill PTSA in the Front Office or donate using this link: <http://hillptsa.weebly.com/teacher-appreciation.html>

**Student/Family Holiday Gifts:** Hill Cares will be distributing toys, gifts and gift cards to Hill Families on Wednesday, December 19. If you would like to help out families in our community, please drop off unused toys or gifts in boxes located in the lobby. You can also donate money for gift cards at <http://hillptsa.weebly.com/hill-cares.html>

**PTSA Meeting:** January 24 (please disregard last week's date change), starts at 6:30pm. We will provide pizza, drinks & childcare.

## WINTER HILL GEAR FUNDRAISER

Last week, your child should have brought home a Winter Hill Gear Flyer. We have designed some long-sleeve shirts, a full-zip hoodie and a beanie. You can purchase by returning the flyer with payment or by going online here: [www.SpiritDrive.com/HillCampus](http://www.SpiritDrive.com/HillCampus) Please support our fundraiser to purchase retractable bleachers for our gym. You can also donate directly here: [https://www.gofundme.com/hill-gym-bleacher-fund&rcid=r01-154361570564-567350c4b73e4ce8&pc=ot\\_co\\_campmgt\\_w](https://www.gofundme.com/hill-gym-bleacher-fund&rcid=r01-154361570564-567350c4b73e4ce8&pc=ot_co_campmgt_w)

Companies that donate at least \$1,000 will get a company plaque on the gym wall for all of our community to see. Great advertisement!